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MONDAY, FEB. 12, 1896.

CONGRESSMAN Foss seems to have been run over by the machine.

It transpires that Platt is a singer and once sang in the choir of the church now presided over by Dr. Parkhurst.

Surgeon Nansen has discovered the North Pole and placed the Norwegian flag there. No squatter or land grabber will ever trouble Norway.

If the Democrats follow their rule of nominating a candidate for president who can carry his own state, the next nominee of that party must come from Texas or Mississippi.

Henry L. Harts seems to have the Chicago delegates to the state convention from Chicago, but so far no word has reached a living soul so any delegate outside of Cook county will be for him.

Kinney's Republican might do well to take advice from some of those who managed the Logan fight in Illinois in 1885, at which time there were men who were wiser than the majority, in their opinion.

If the Republican members of the Kentucky legislature expect to elect a man to the United States senate they will have to stand by the caucus nominee. The moment they begin to scatter they are gone.

The course of the free silver senators in defeating the tariff bill is not calculated to make any friends for a cause which produces needless and inexplicable revolution of that kind. They know the country wanted and needed the tariff bill. They knew they could not pass a free silver bill.

Tax following from the St. Louis Globe Democrat will strike the average reader as being logical, but it omits in addition to state that two of the bosses, Clark and Platt have candidates on their hands they cannot shake off.

The opinion held in some quarters that the Republican bosses are going to dictate who will be the candidate need not cause any uneasiness in the party. There is no certainty at all that the bosses will unite upon anybody. Even if they do unite, it is far from certain that their voice will prevail. Nearly all the bosses were against Harrison at Minneapolis, but they accomplished nothing. A National Convention is too big a gathering to be managed by a cabal of local magnates, even if these be as astute and resourceful as Quay and Platt the greatest of the present bosses. The preferences of the people, whatever these preferences may be, are going to be the dominant influence in the selection of the nominee.

Oh! That Crow.

When a man is convinced against his will, the maxim says, he remains of the same opinion still. The Chicago Tribune, by the information it has received from Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Missouri, has discovered that the people of these states are for McKinley for president. It is well known that the Tribune is heartily opposed to McKinley, and the convincing evidence its inquiries have brought to it has not changed the opinion of the Tribune. It does not care whether the people favor McKinley or not, it will in any event be opposed to him.

The Tribune, however, has a reason for opposing McKinley in face of the universal verdict of the people in his favor. Its reasons are unique and ingenious. It has discovered, in its mind, two classes of men who are not of the people, two classes who in its imagination were overlooked by the thousands of men whom it interviewed and who informed it that the people were for McKinley. These classes are the business men and some young men who were wiser than their sires and who voted the Democratic ticket in 1892.

It assumes that the business men might not favor McKinley because his election would be an assurance that the tariff question would be reopened and business would be again disturbed by it. It ignores the well known fact that a revision of the tariff along protective tariff lines, never affects business adversely. Business was not disturbed when the act of 1885 was evolved. Business was not disturbed while the McKinley bill was under consideration.

The business sense of the country undisturbed by a protective tariff act is not intended to and never does disengage the business of the country. But suppose the ridiculous position taken by the Tribune were true, and the vote of the business men could not be secured to the party unless the party promised them the infamous Wilson bill should not be disturbed, what would become of the party? What reason could it have for asking the support of the people?

When the Tribune got its reports from the states named, the business men were for McKinley and were included. Everywhere they are solidly for McKinley, with here and there a

banker who favors the nomination of an eastern man, not because of the tariff question, but the money question.
We now come to the consideration of the other class—the young men who voted for Cleveland because they had read the Tribune and had come to the conclusion that McKinley knew nothing about a logical tariff. Not one out of one hundred of that class of young men knew the principles of a tariff bill from a leather apron. It is true there were a great many of them in 1892. One could find them on pleasant evenings about hotels arguing the tariff question. One year later nine out of ten of them had lost their jobs and now they are as scarce as June bugs. But the Tribune has not forgotten them and it professes to fear that if McKinley were nominated these young men, having voted the Democratic ticket because they did not like the McKinley tariff, could not now vote for McKinley because it would amount to eating crow. The Tribune overlooks the fact that perhaps they would prefer eating crow to eating nothing. But be that as it may the Republicans who were not misled by low tariff claqueurs are entitled to some consideration in the matter of a choice for president. There is no reason why they should eat crow. If these millions who compose the party, must defer to these young men who could not learn anything by such experience as they have had, as a result of their ballots, then the order of nature will have to be changed.

The Republican party cannot arrange to take men into it in any round about way. They want no accessions by side doors. But there is no demand for this except in the imagination of the Tribune. A million voters have learned a lesson by experience. They stand ready to vote the Republican ticket on the tariff question. None of them are troubled about eating crow, and these men are for McKinley because he, to them, stands preeminently as the great apostle of protection and prosperity. The vision of crow diet in case of the nomination of McKinley is perhaps troubling the Tribune more than any one else.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The reader of this paper may be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

MARTIN MORRISSET, of Tremont, has been discharged from the Jacksonville insane asylum entirely cured.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you Bilious, Constipated, or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, etc? If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. Harnitz will cure any disorder of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver Medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at J. W. Eichinger's and C. F. Shilling's.

GEO. WARREN, near Greenview, will erect a saw mill and clear off a large area of his timber land.

Diagnosis of Grippe.

True grippe is a germ disease. These germs are in the circulation and pervade every tissue and organ of the body. This brings speedy collapse and often death to the aged and debilitated. The only germicide known that searches out and destroys every grippe germ in the system is Brazilian Balm. A week or ten days' treatment effects a complete cure.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists.

The revival at the Christian church at Ludlow has resulted in the addition of thirty-two to the church.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By Kline & Munn.

EDWIN WELD, of Texas township, De Witt county, has an orange tree which is bearing fruit.

Quick in effect, heals and leaves no scar. Burning, scaly skin eruptions quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Ointment. Applied to burns, scalds, old sores, it is magical in effect. Always cures piles. West's drug store.

The local coal trade at the Greenview mine for the month of January was the largest on record.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. West's Drug Store.

L. B. COLZ, of Clinton, sold his 200 acre farm, two miles south of Rantoul, for \$50 per acre.

The Atlanta Grand Army is arranging to give a rousing camp fire February 21.

THE CURRENT WEEK

To be Devoted to Consideration of Appropriation Bills

AND TALK ON OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS

By Our Representatives at the National Capital—An Early Adjournment of Congress Talked of to Prepare for the Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The coming week in the senate will be devoted to action on appropriation bills and discussion on our relations with foreign powers. The better part of the week, not counting unexpected matters that may be injected during the morning hours, will be given over to the consideration of the military academy bill, which now has the right of way, and the pension and consular and diplomatic appropriation bills. These will exhaust the appropriation bills so far reported to the senate by the committee; but inasmuch as the consular and diplomatic bill may cause a general discussion of foreign affairs, it is assumed that the entire week will be consumed in disposing of the appropriation measures now on the calendar. It is doubtful if Mr. Morrill will endeavor to call up the tariff bill again this week. Republicans who have carefully canvassed the situation say that such a motion would tend to complicate matters, and that no good can grow out of it until they have brought about a cohesion of sentiment in their own ranks, and secured the one necessary vote from the ranks of the populists. This, at present, seems impossible, and Mr. Morrill, it is believed, will not renew his motion until he is sure of its success.

Mr. Davis, of the foreign relations committee, and author of the resolution reported from the committee enunciating the Monroe doctrine, which has not yet been passed and possibly never will be passed, will address the senate upon that resolution to-day. This speech has been anticipated for some time with a great deal of interest, owing to the advanced ground taken by Mr. Davis and his well-known familiarity with the whole subject. His speech is expected to set forth the position of the ultra-radicals on the subject in a clearer light than has yet been cast upon it.

The Cuban resolution, supplemented recently by an additional report from the committee on foreign relations declaring it to be the opinion of congress that this government should remain neutral and grant all parties in the struggle now pending in Cuba equal rights, has the right of way as the unfinished business, temporarily displaced by the appropriation bills, and it will doubtless call out a number of speeches during the time that appropriation bills may not be under discussion.

Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, will to-day submit to the senate the majority report on the Dupont (dem., Del.) case in favor of seating Mr. Dupont. The minority report, in the hands of Mr. Gray, will soon follow, and this matter, involving a question of the highest privilege, may at any moment be called up for consideration.

An early adjournment is already talked of. A few senators are hopeful that congress may get through by the first of June. Among some of the republican leaders every nerve is being strained to accomplish this result, so that nothing may interfere with their attendance upon the national conventions, and the campaigns that will immediately follow.

There is nothing in sight in the house by appropriation bills. When the house adjourned Saturday, general debate had just been concluded on the bill making appropriations for the agricultural department for the next fiscal year; but Chairman Wadsworth expects that a day or two more, at least, will be consumed in the discussion of the bill under the five-minute rule. There are, it is understood, other members than those who expressed their opinions Saturday, who desire to say things about Secretary Morton's refusal to expend the appropriation made in the bill for the current year for the distribution of seeds.

Besides the agricultural bill, there is on the calendar the army appropriation bill, and the Indian bill is ready to be reported. On Wednesday or Thursday the appropriations committee will probably have completed the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial bills. Other bills, notably the post office and naval bills, are far advanced, so that if the expressed intention of the managers be maintained, the house will have scarcely any opportunity this week to consider any other class of legislation.

Mr. Johnson, chairman of the committee on elections No. 2, before the week closes, may call up the report of his committee in the case of the Van Horn-Tarnsey contest, from the fifth Missouri district; but as this case is sure to give rise to a somewhat extended debate, the probabilities are against its consideration at present. So, too, with the resolution from the foreign affairs committee regarding Ambassador Bayard's speeches, which also will not be brought forward so as to antagonize in any way the progress of appropriation bills.

Spanish Censorship of Press Dispatches Modified. (From a Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)

HAVANA, Feb. 17.—An order has been issued modifying the strict censorship that has hitherto been observed in the matter of cable dispatches. The American newspaper correspondents will now be permitted to send their reports without being compelled to submit them to censorship. A copy in Spanish of the matter sent, must, however, be placed on file in the palace of the captain general.

KIRK'S

Splendid Endorsement by Leading Newspapers.

The Press of the Country Speak of His New Preparation, Eos (Elixir of Soap), in Glowing Terms.

The Omaha Bee Says: The large number of testimonials gotten by our reporters, and the great number of prominent people that have voluntarily come into the Bee office and spoken in glowing terms of Kirk's new discovery, Eos, proves conclusively the value it possesses. We extend to Messrs. Jas. S. Kirk & Co. our hearty congratulations.

Kansas City Journal Says: The enormous sale in Kansas City for Kirk's new discovery, Eos, for doing general laundry work in the short length of time since it was first introduced here stamps it as a preparation of great merit.

Kansas City Star on May 9th said: No amount of advertising could possibly have created in the short length of time the extensive sale there is in Kansas City for Kirk's Eos did it not possess the virtues claimed for it.

From the Des Moines Register: We were reluctant at first when it was proposed to us to give out samples of Kirk's new preparation, Eos, as the Register had never undertaken such a thing before. We are, however, pleased to say that the great number of people who speak of it in glowing terms fully pays us for the part we have taken in its introduction in Des Moines.

From the St. Joe Herald: Kirk's assertion that he would reduce the cost of labor of washing clothes 50 per cent in St. Joe by the use of his new washing compound, Eos, would seem to have proven true, if we are to believe what people say about it.

From the Rocky Mountain News: If the sale for Kirk's new discovery, Eos, continues to grow in the future at the same rate it has the past two weeks what is going to become of all the soap factories? Eos seems to have the call, and is apparently selling on its merits.

Denver Republican: Kirk's Eos seems to have taken the city by storm. The retail grocery trade reports enormous sales for it.

Pioneer Press, St. Paul: Eos (Elixir of Soap) is the latest craze in St. Paul. We wonder what will be the next surprise its enterprising manufacturers have in store for us? We hope when it comes, however, that it will prove as great a success as Eos has.

On July 7th the New York Press said: For years the Kirks have had an expert chemist, one of the first in America at work upon the problem of a perfect washing compound. They have recently succeeded in completing it, and the public will now have the result of the discovery. It was to have been called "Rain Water Maker," but as it not only softens the water, but is also a perfect soap, combining for the first time in the world these two qualities, it is known as Eos. The connection is evident—Eos (the sun) could be no brighter than this substance makes whatever it touches, and as the rays of the sun give life to all on earth, so will this newly-found article for the laundry work give health to the skin and rejuvenate all it comes in contact with.

Eos (Elixir of Soap) can be had of all grocers—a large package for 5 cents. Try it once and you will never be without it.

There are twenty bicycle agencies in Kansas.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at King & Metz's drug store.

The Kankakee public library will be opened to the public March 1.

About the Eye.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, catarrh or otherwise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists.

A HIGH-LIVER with a torpid liver will not be a long liver. Correct the liver with DeWitt's Little Early Bile Beans. Little pills that cure dyspepsia and constipation. West's drug store.

ONE thousand sparrow heads were cashed at the coal house in Pontiac last week by one person.

Ludlow will soon be connected with her sister towns by telephone.

Steam Dye House

—AND—

Dry Cleaning Works.

Ladies and Gentlemen—You can save money on your clothes by taking or sending them to

Miller's New Decatur Steam Dye Works,

145 N. Main St., 2d Door North of Arcade Building.

Gent's Suits and Overcoats neatly dyed, cleaned, pressed and repaired on short notice. Ladies' and Children's Dresses and Cloaks dyed and cleaned without ripping apart. Dry Cleaning & Sundry Work first-class. Prices reasonable. Twenty years' experience in the Dyeing and Dry Cleaning business. Everything in the line of cleaning and dyeing neatly done. Goods sent by express will receive prompt attention. Send for Price List.

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For Thirty Days We Will Throw on the Market

\$100,000 Worth of Clothing,

Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods,

TO BE SOLD REGARDLESS OF COST.

Suits worth \$18.00 and \$20.00 go for - - \$12.00 and \$13.50
Suits worth \$12.00 and \$15.00 go for - - 8.00 and 10.00
Boys Suits reduced same proportion.

OVERCOATS WILL BE SOLD EVEN CHEAPER.

500 pairs of Pants, good style, worth \$3.50 to \$7.00, go for \$2.50 to \$4.50.

Boys' Knee Pants 25c to \$1.00

Heavy Undershirts and Drawers, white or gray, at 35c or three for \$1.00, worth 75c each.

BARGAINS IN OUR MERCHANT TAILORING DEP'T.

We are now making Pants to Order for \$4.00 and \$6.00 worth \$6.00 and \$8.00. These goods will be sold as advertised. We want the room for Spring Goods now arriving.

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BURSTEIN & DAVIDSON, Proprietors.

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One Night Only, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

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NEW MUSIC, COSTUMES, DANCES, ETC.

P. S. Secure your seats early to avoid the rush.

PRICES—\$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c. The sale of seats will open on Friday, Feb. 14, at the Opera House Drug Store.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT.

Wednesday, February 19.

The Twentieth Century Comedians,

MURRAY AND MACK,

Presenting that Whirlwind of Irish Fun,

Finnigan's Ball!

The Barnum of All Farce Comedies. A Bewitching Brevity of Femininity. A Coterie of Clever Comedians. A Contingent of Dazzling Dancers. A Band of Lovely Soufrettes, And Fun from Start to Finish.

—PRICES—25c, 50c, and 75c.

The sale of seats begins Monday morning, Feb. 18, at the Opera House Drug Store.

Reduced Rates to Hot Springs, Ark.

The Vandalia Line has on sale excursion tickets good ninety days, to the Famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, at very low rates. Hot Springs is the only health resort owned, indorsed and conducted by the United States Government. Climate like that of Italy. This is the best season to go. Over 500 hotels and boarding houses at rates to suit all tastes. The hot waters here for fifty years have been found unequalled for the cure of rheumatism, blood and skin diseases, female complaints, troubles of the stomach, liver and kidneys, lumbago, nervous prostration, etc. For illustrated pamphlets and full information call on general Vandalia Line Ticket Agent or address E. A. FORD, Gen'l Passenger Ag't, St. Louis, Mo.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

How They Are Conducted in the German Capital.

Voters Divided into Three Classes—The Mayor Is Elected by the Council and Afterward Accepted by the Government.

[Special Berlin Letter.]

Municipal election in America is something vastly differing from a municipal election in Germany. Not that the interest taken in it by the populace is less; on the contrary, it is a deeper and much more lasting interest in the affairs of the commonwealth which is taken here. Nor are the objects at stake of less importance, and the ambition which impels the candidates here to run the gauntlet of public opinion and to undergo the vicissitudes of a political campaign is fully as great.



MAYOR VON FORCKENBECK.

and as lively here as across the water. And it may be believed that the administration of a municipality like Berlin, where an annual budget of close on to 100,000,000 marks or about \$25,000,000 lies, so far as its disbursement is concerned, in the hands of the city council and its magistrate, furnishes plenty of opportunity to sterling talent and varied administrative ability. There is, in fact, a deal of similitude between municipal conditions here and those of a fast-growing American city—inasmuch as the fact of a rapid growth and a ceaseless expansion of territory must be taken into account. No, the principal difference lies in the material that offers itself for municipal candidacies.

As to the prevailing methods here I am not going to act as their advocate, but shall content myself with stating the facts. The body of the population is divided into three parts—electors of the first, second and third classes. These classes are graded solely according to their varying capacity of paying taxes. In other words, the great majority of electors forming the third (or lowest) class are those paying a minimum of taxes. Paupers, criminals, non-tax payers are excluded from the right to vote. The third class comprises, therefore, the working classes, the small mechanics and trades people. The second class are the moderately well-to-do, paying medium-sized taxes, and the first class is made up of a small body of large employers, capitalists, etc., paying the maximum rate of taxes. The injustice of this system of popular representation—scaled purely according to the material possessions of each class—is the fact that each class elects exactly the same number of members to the municipal council, while it is undeniable that the first class is not over one per cent. of the population as a whole, and the third class is about 95 per cent., yet each class is apportioned as over 33 1/3 per cent. of representation.

But with this system, open to just criticism, it is nevertheless true that



PROF. VIRCHOW.

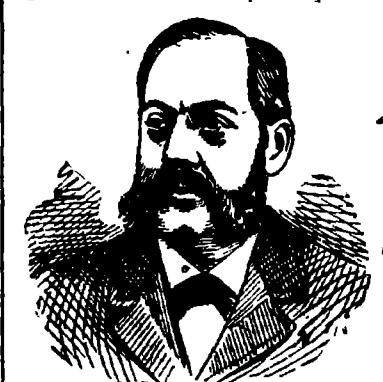
excellent results are obtained, the reason being that the candidates offering themselves at the polls for election into the council are, with rare exceptions, men of unimpeachable honor, of ability, and of a ready disposition to sacrifice their time and best efforts for the common good of the city. For it must be remembered that (with the exception of the small number of salaried members of the magistrate—or higher municipal body) the Berlin aldermen, as well as those of all other German cities, are not paid, either directly or indirectly, for their services.

It is the honor which pays them, for here it is really an honor to be a "stadterverordneter" or municipal delegate. And while it cannot be said that the first step for a successful German politician is to be elected into the city council—since the majority of German politicians never sat in such a body—it is true at least that to be or to have been a member of a German city council is a certificate testifying to a man's intellectual and moral worth and to his public-spiritedness. Again, the fact that the three classes of electors have each their own candidates brings out a body of men elected into the council which is very much more varied in its make-up than could be the case in any American city under our prevailing system of election. I will illustrate this by mentioning that just at present—and for some years past—there are three such men of world-wide reputation and of diamet-

rically opposite tendencies serving as Berlin aldermen as Prof. Virchow, the renowned anthropologist and physiologist; Prof. von Treitschke, the historian (both being professors in Berlin university), and Singer, the noted leader of the socialists and member of the reichstag for a score of years past. Of course they were elected by different classes of electors, but each of the three in his own way does much for the good of the city and its citizens. Singer, for instance, has successfully withstood the growing plutocratic tendencies of the administration, and the excellence of the Berlin free public schools is, in some measure, due to his untiring efforts. Virchow, on the other hand, who is politically a radical liberal, has done an immense amount of good for Berlin's hygiene and for everything else which makes for the physical benefit of the population, lending the weight of his scientific opinion and vast experience to that object.

Von Treitschke again has fostered esthetic and scientific aims in the administration of the city, the planning and execution of new public structures, parks, public baths, instruction, etc. I might, however, extend the list of names among the members of the council of those who have exceptional gifts one way or another, such as Hübner, the architect who for 40 years or over has lent the city the benefit of his ripened judgment. It is owing to men like Hübner that Berlin has grown into the handsomest city in the world, barring alone Paris.

Another man who has done much—probably more than any other single individual—for Berlin's progress and municipal prosperity is its late mayor—Von Forckenbeck. Mayors of towns and cities in Germany, however, are not elective officers, but are chosen by the council and magistrate jointly, and the government is then asked to approve this choice. Usually the government does approve the choice, but only after careful inquiry into the character and the antecedents of the man proposed, and not infrequently the chosen one is then rejected. Appointment to the mayoralty is for a term of years, and may then be, and usually is, renewed. So that, in any case, a mayor, if he be of the right stuff, can accomplish quite a



MUNICIPAL DELEGATE SINGER.

deal, inaugurate a series of reforms, bend and shape municipal administration in new ways, and leave the impress of his work on a city for generations to come. His position is a salaried one, and salaries for mayors run, in fact, quite high when compared with the salaries of the common run of government officials. Salaries of 10,000 marks in small towns and of 20,000 to 30,000 in large cities are not uncommon. In this German mayors differ radically from the members of their municipal councils, though the term of office of the latter is also a lengthy one and, unless the services rendered were unsatisfactory or considered change has taken place in the political complexion of his elective district, is usually followed by reelection.

Aldermen often serve for ten, twenty, even thirty years. Von Forckenbeck was a man of genius in his line, clearly seeing the vast possibilities in store for Berlin and shaping his whole policy all along in conformity with his conviction that Berlin was to become, in fact as well as in name, the imperial city of New Germany. Hence his programme was not retrenchment, niggardly parsimony and hand-to-mouth financing for the city in all those things which were necessary in building up its future greatness, but rather lavish, generous expenditure in creating the present admirable system of street cleaning, parks, water supply, sanitation and sewerage. The establishment of the "Rieselfelder"—the 30 square miles of sewerage farms—at a cost of 120,000,000 marks, of the magnificent abattoirs, central and branch market halls, of the filtering of the drinking water, of the municipal gas works and electric light plant, were also mainly due to his influence, though the enlightened cooperation of the council was indispensable to him in this as in anything else. Besides these monumental tasks successfully planned or executed by him during his long incumbency of the office—and any single one of which would suffice for the everlasting glory of an ordinary kind of mayor—there are many handsome statues, single public buildings, etc., which also testify to this extraordinary man's signal abilities as an executive and administrator. In German city administration it is nothing out of the common, yet I will mention the fact that during Forckenbeck's entire administration, although an aggregate of about 1,000,000,000 of marks, or \$250,000,000, was paid into and out of the city coffers, not a cent of it was misappropriated and nothing directly wasted.

WOLF VON SCHRIEBRAND.

He Had Given Him Up. A brother of Bishop Clark was one of the wisest men alive. It runs in the family. He once went to see one of his parishioners, a lady with a prodigious family, which had recently been increased. As he rose to leave, the lady stopped him with: "But you haven't seen my last baby."

"No," he replied, "and I never expect to." Then he died.—London Tit-Bits.

REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To R. D. Wilson and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 8 in block 4 of Katerpactie addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of R. D. Wilson, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To F. M. Veech and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 2 in block 5 of Carver's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of F. M. Veech, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To George Simpson & Co. and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 17 in block 1 of H. W. Hall's subdivision of lot 8 of the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 9 in block 1 of H. W. Hall's subdivision of lot 8 of the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of George Simpson & Co., and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To George Downey and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 9 in block 1 of Robinson's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of George Downey, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To Jane Ernsman and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 9 in block 1 of Robinson's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Jane Ernsman, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To A. M. Reeve and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 1 of A. M. Reeve's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of A. M. Reeve, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To H. C. Wallace and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 12 in block 3 of Carver's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of H. C. Wallace, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To A. H. Baker and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 2 in block 5 of Carver's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of A. H. Baker, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To William Langheld and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 4 in block 3 of Plant and Tuttle's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of William Langheld, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To L. Feiler and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 4 in block 3 of Plant and Tuttle's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of L. Feiler, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To Ann H. Shelley and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described:

You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 8 in block 4 of Katerpactie addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Ann H. Shelley, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

To L. Feiler and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1894, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 1 in block 7 of the Town of Argenta, for the taxes assessed for the year 1893, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said described real estate, and at the time the said described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of L. Feiler, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1895.

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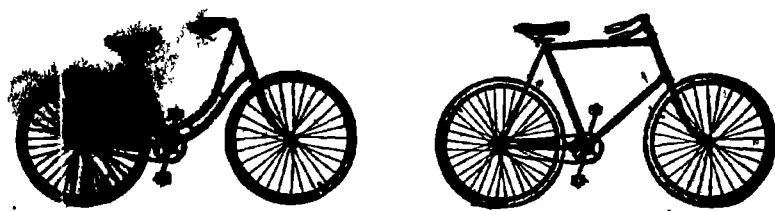
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT T. THOMAS as a candidate for Township Collector subject to the action of the Republican convention.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

W. E. C.—Regular meeting of Dunham Woman's Relief Corps, No. 4, at G. A. R. hall Tuesday, February 18, at 2.30 p. m. By order of ERIC B. KENNEDY, Pres. MARY BURDICK, Sec.

P. O. S. of A.—Regular meeting of Washington Camp, No. 67, P. O. S. of A., at their hall, 238 North Main street, Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, at 7.30 sharp. All members are requested to be present. E. L. DIXON, Sec.

LOCAL NEWS.

Ice cream soda at Irwin's.
FUNKY FANNY RICE to-night.

IRWIN'S fountain is now open for the season.

You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

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AUCTION sale of dry goods at Anstead's this week.

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PNEUMATIC plasters, cut price, 20 cts; West's drug store.

THERE have been 5,493 burials in Greenwood cemetery since 1857.

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Tax the Little Rose and Bouquet cigars on sale anywhere in the city.

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THE Roller Skating Club will give a ball to-morrow night at the Sedgwick hall. The admission will be 50 cents.

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Just before going to bed, eat a Cascaret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

AUCTION sale of dry goods at Anstead's this week.

H. L. OLDHAM and wife will move into the house on West Main street owned by Joseph Starr some time this week.

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The Best Spring Wheat Flour on Earth.

LEAVE your prescriptions at the Opera House Drug Store, and they will be ready before the opera is over.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

THE "Wang" opera troupe went to Mattoon this morning, and from there will go to Terre Haute.

TRY DULUTH IMPERIAL FLOUR.
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GREENING plasters, cut price, two for 25 cents, West's drug store.

At the meeting of the Juvenile Temple, Good Templars, held Saturday afternoon, Walter Kenton, Ernest Cheney and Edgar Murray were received as members.

The comic opera "Wang" drew a large audience to the Grand Saturday night, and judging by the applause all were well pleased with the production. Mr. Hart's "Wang" is full of physical energy, grace and vocal force, and the support in the main was good.

No BETTER soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Buy it of M. F. Metz. Personally he can be found at the yard office, 800 North Broadway For Broadway office, Old Phone, 433; New Phone, 435. Also leave orders with T. W. Cann, 628 North Main, or with Harry Metz, at King & Metz' drug store. Hard coal, all sizes, always in stock at market prices. Nov. 11-dtf

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Marriage Licenses.

Harry H. Dunn, Decatur, 27

Sarah Dowler, Caseyville, 21

Taken to Chert.

W. F. Towne was taken to the Chester penitentiary to-day by Sheriff Nicholson.

NOT GUILTY.

Verdict in the \$5000 Damage Case Against the City.

CLEMENT BATES GETS NO MONEY.

The Cochran-Tait Dish Washing Machine Litigation On Trial by Court—Moses Randolph Free.

In the circuit court to-day Judge Vail opened the sealed verdict in the \$5000 damage case of Clement F. Bates vs. The City of Decatur, which was reached by the jury at 11 o'clock Saturday night. The verdict was that the defendant was not-guilty, and so Bates will not get a penny for alleged injuries received by falling into a trench near the High School building.

Moses Randolph, who has been in the county jail for several months for making an alleged assault to do bodily injury, obtained his liberty by order of the court on the motion that he be discharged as a pauper.

Judge Vail is now hearing the evidence in the case of Mrs. Josephine Cochran, of Shelbyville vs. Felix B. Tait of Decatur. This trial grows out of a disagreement in the matter of the manufacture of a dish washing machine, of which the lady is the inventor. Only two were sold within a year and 400 machines were to be made. The attorneys for Mr. Tait are Bunn & Park and Attorney Chaffee, of Shelbyville and Attorney W. C. Johns of Decatur appear for Mrs. Cochran.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Mary C. Shepherd vs. John A. Swearingen et al; dover. Exceptions to master overruled, and report approved. Decree for dover.

Margaret A. Smith vs. Thos. Lewis et al; partition. Dismissed as per stipulation on file.

A. T. Riley vs. Hiram Crockett et al, foreclosure. Decree pro confesso as to defendants not answering and referred to master.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.

Joseph G. Cochran vs. F. B. Tait; covenant. Jury waived and trial by court by agreement.

Clement F. Bates vs. City of Decatur, trespass. Trial by jury. Verdict, defendant not guilty.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

The People vs. Moses Randolph, assault with a deadly weapon. Motion by defendant to be discharged as a poor person allowed and defendant discharged.

SLUGGED AND ROBBED.

C. L. Luse Assaulted, Injured and Robbed of \$15 by Two Unknown Men.

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning Chas. L. Luse was slugged by two men and robbed of \$15 in money and his hat and umbrella. Luse had been out of town on a business trip and had arrived in the city on an early train.

He left the depot and started to walk to his home, No. 815 North Mercer street. He was walking west on East Cerro Gordo street and was in front of E. L. Martin's office when two men suddenly stepped out and struck him a blow on the head. Mr. Luse fell to the sidewalk in an unconscious condition and when he recovered he found he had been robbed of \$15.00 and his hat and umbrella.

He went back to the depot and from there a policeman assisted him to his home. His head was badly bruised but he was not hurt seriously. He says that he could not give any description of the men who held him up as they came upon him so suddenly that he didn't have a chance to see their faces.

Endeavor Meeting.

The Christian Endeavor society of the First Baptist church will hold a meeting to night when a special program will be given. It will be a denominational meeting and the subjects-discussed will be those pertaining to the Baptist church. Miss Ella Spencer will act as leader. J. Edward Saxton will give a history of the Baptists, I. N. Martin, jr. will give a history of the church and Norman Coughlin will speak of the missionary work of the Baptist church. An address will also be made by Miss Ethel Dimock.

The members of the C. E. society of the First Methodist church will hold a missionary debate this evening in the lecture room of the church.

The members of the senior Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church will entertain the members of the intermediate society to-morrow evening in the church parlors.

Good Templars at Sullivan.

The district lodge of Good Templars will be held at Sullivan Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A number of Good Templars from Decatur will attend. Rescue lodge will be represented by Ora Crane and Miss Rose Shinneman, and Faithful lodge by Miss Myrtle Mills, Alma Troutman and Mrs. T. J. McDermott. Others who will attend from here are Miss Cordie Underwood, district chief templear; Miss Rose Ruckie, district vice templear, and Miss Lucinda Johnson, district secretary. A. F. Smith will represent the Macon county lodge. Rev. D. F. Howe, of the First Methodist church will make an address at an open meeting Tuesday night.

Income Case.

In the county court to-day C. S. Jones filed application asking that an inquiry be held to determine the mental condition of his brother, Alvin Jones, of Friends Creek township. Dr. Pettigill of Cisco, L. E. Kirster, L. A. Melvin and John Hinson, were the witnesses. The commissioners in the case were Drs. M. D. Pollock and O. R. Allen, who returned a report stating that Jones is a homicidal epileptic. He will be taken to Kankakee.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Silas Packard is at Mankinaw.

J. E. Osborne has returned from Chicago.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Brown are in Chicago.

James Veale went to Springfield this morning.

Dr. S. J. Bumstead was in Chicago on Sunday.

D. L. Vigus left last night for New York City.

Rev. M. L. Hankson, of Blue Mound is in the city to-day.

George E. Moeller went to St. Louis this morning on business.

Henry Bachrach was in Blue Mound this morning on business.

Harold Patterson went to Evansville this morning on business.

Thomas Bivans went to Dalton City this morning on business.

H. L. Oldham will go to Cairo to-morrow on a business trip.

O. E. Curtis and wife will leave to-night for Rochester, N. Y.

Albert Barnes is confined to his home on West William street by illness.

Ed. Sheehy, who has been in the city, returned to-day to his home in Bethany.

Miss Edna Bunn has returned from Atlanta, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Burke.

E. J. Strader will leave to-night for Cincinnati to be gone until the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. M. Gray has been called to Bunker Hill on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Belt.

J. H. Drennan, of Woodside, Ill., was in the city Sunday visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. W. Whitley.

Miss Earle, who has been in the city visiting Miss Belle Ewing, has returned to her home in Indiana.

Mrs. V. G. Hatch went to Indianapolis this morning. She will visit friends in that city for a few weeks.

Miss Eva Cross, of Springfield, who has been visiting J. B. Bullard and family, returned home to-day.

Charles H. Young and wife, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, arrived in the city to-day to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fowler.

F. M. Williams is confined to his home, No. 247 North Main street, by illness. He has been sick since last Wednesday.

Miss Olive Wilson of Mattoon who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gray for the past two weeks, returned home to-day.

Joseph Barnabee, of Springfield, arrived in the city this morning. He will take part in the Nellie Moore concert to-night.

Dr. Chas. M. Wood, of Cook county hospital, Chicago, is home for a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wood and friends.

Mrs. D. B. Sholem, of Paris, Ill., who is to take part in the Nellie Moore concert to night, arrived in the city to-day. She is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Ennis.

Miss Anna Roberts, who has been in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Roberts, returned this morning to Chicago, where she attends school.

M. W. Breen, representing the Sterling Manufacturing Company, is seriously ill at his home in the Traver flat on South Main street. He came in from a business trip Saturday night, threatened with pneumonia.

Jacksonville Journal M. B. Camp, of Macon county, who recently purchased the Arnold farm of 300 acres, a few miles east of Jacksonville, is here for a few days on business connected with his estate.

Capt. George P. Zeiss, of Waller, Texas, is in the city on a visit. The Captain is a member of the Texas state committee appointed by the governor to visit Chicago Feb. 19, to arrange for the Southern States Exposition to be held in Chicago. He will return in time to attend the marriage celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bueher, Feb. 21.

Mrs. J. W. Race, accompanied by her niece Miss Edith Race and Miss Irene Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Armstrong, departed Saturday night for New York City, and on Wednesday they will sail from that port for Europe. They have engaged passage on the Normania which will sail Wednesday afternoon. They will go direct to Naples and will spend the balance of the winter in Italy. They will remain abroad for nearly a year and will travel extensively in Europe.

Had a Patient.

Peter Vandyke, a colored man, ill with heart disease and hemorrhages, came near dying in the city prison on Sunday. He was attended by Dr. Dixon and, on his feet this morning, when he was given transportation to Centralia. He desires to reach his people at Carbon-dale.

Fire in Grand Rapids.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 17.—The Houseman block, occupied by the Daily Democrat and the United States and National Express companies, was burned this morning. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

A Big Drop in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 17.—The weather turned cold yesterday afternoon and the mercury dropped topped to two degrees below zero this morning, causing much suffering.

Bayard is Still There.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Ambassador Bayard had an interview this afternoon with Salisbury on the subject of the Venezuelan boundary dispute.

CHURCH GONE.

Methodist House of Worship at Emery Burned to the Ground.

LOSS, \$1500; INSURANCE, \$1400.

The Edifice Destroyed in the Night—Nobody Knew It Until This Morning.

The handsome Methodist church on quarter of a mile west of Emery was totally destroyed by fire at two o'clock this morning. The edifice was almost burned to the ground before anybody discovered the fire, and then it was too late to save anything. The loss is placed at \$1500; insurance, \$1400.

The church was erected six years ago and had a seating capacity of 200 or 300. The pastor is Rev. J. G. Jeffries, of Decatur. Services were held in the church at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, when there were fires in the stoves. It is supposed that the church took fire from a defective flue or from five coals which may have fallen out of the stoves.

It is probable that the church will be rebuilt. Rev. C. Galeener, the presiding elder, will visit Emery at once to view the situation.

ILLINOIS BUSINESS.

Extracts from Superintendent Durfee's Report.

The State Superintendent of Insurance has issued his annual statement showing the standing of fire and marine insurance companies doing business in Illinois at the close of business December 31, 1895. The business was quite valuninous, and was as follows:

The eight joint stock companies of this state wrote risks amounting to \$91,279,195; received premiums amounting to \$1,283,947; paid losses amounting to \$543,215; losses incurred, \$598,893, income, \$8,318,580.

The 105 joint stock companies of other states wrote risks amounting to \$737,486,324; received premiums amounting to \$8,804,458; paid losses amounting to \$4,473,730; incurred losses amounting to \$4,889,108; income, \$94,448,880.

The thirty-five foreign companies with United States branches wrote risks amounting to \$346,327,408; premiums received amounted to \$3,729,845; losses paid amounted to \$1,905,321; losses incurred were \$2,210,155; income, \$49,058,550.

The ten mutual companies of this state wrote risks amounting to \$8,238,497; received premiums amounting to \$173,019; paid losses amounting to \$138,001; incurred losses amounting to \$19,026; income, \$688,498.

The 20 mutual companies of other states wrote risks amounting to \$13,214,730; received premiums amounting to \$189,893; losses paid, \$137,126; losses incurred, \$167,139; income, \$2,875,000.

The grand total aggregate shows risks written amounted to \$1,105,264,586; premiums received, \$12,907,217; losses paid, \$6,875,081; losses incurred, \$7,568,568; income, \$147,008,500; net surplus \$69,150,123.

Funerals Held on Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Kramer was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist church. The services were conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe. The ladies of the W. R. C., of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

The pall bearers were Joseph Sanger, H. F. May, George W. Scofield, H. Post, Norman Pringle and C. M. Imboden.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Oscar Bonfield was held from the First Baptist church. Rev. D. F. Howe officiated and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery. The pall bearers were W. T. Davis, John Owens, Charles Bachman, E. L. Foulke, H. G. Boyer and J. W. Carter.

The funeral of Ivy, the 2 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter, was held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the M. E. church at Boody.

The Slayton Jubilee Singers appeared at St. James' hall, Rockford, last evening before a large audience. The program rendered was choice and given in excellent style. It was lengthy and varied, occupying over two hours, but the audience enjoyed it throughout and would gladly have listened longer. No company of plantation singers has ever given a better concert here, and those in the audience last night will hope to hear Slayton's Jubilee Singers again.—The Evening Star.

Y. M. C. A. Star Course, Opera House, Thursday night. Reserved seats Tuesday, a. m. Admission, 50c.

DIED.

On Saturday, February 15, at the family residence on North Folk street, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koslufski.

The funeral was held from the residence at 2 p. m. Sunday. Services were conducted by Rev. Wagner, pastor of the German Lutheran church and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Parties.

Miss Maud Dill will entertain her friends to-morrow evening at her home on North Water street.

At their home on East Cerro Gordo street Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. James Russell will give a party to their friends.

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AN AWFUL DISASTER.

Burning of a Factory Building, Troy, N. Y.

UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PERSONS.

Some by Suffocation and Creeping Under the Building, and Some by Jumping Themselves from Fifth-Story Windows to the Ground.

Scenes of Wild Panic in the Dooryard and Heartrending Ache Among Anxious Relatives in the Streets.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 18.—T

mourning in the homes of the collar girls to-night. An and fearful death overtook them late this afternoon.

girls whose days' labor was over were cut down almost warning, by fire. Three girls to their death from a burning.

Distracted, agonized wailed for the return of their ters to-night and they waited.

Bright pretty collar girls left their homes in the morning life and health and spirit, new to tell that tale of agony, tort death. Their poor, charred bodies now resting under tons and red hot embers, alone and identically even when found, w ably be impossible.

The scene was one that Tro never forget. It is a black pag city's history, unparalleled in tury of existence.

The fire started in J. Steith Co.'s shirt-waist factory, a Zandt & Jacobs' collar factory in the same building at 5. There were 300 girls at work establishment.

The flames spread so rapid the narrow stairway which only exit outside of the fire es the rear, was almost cut off ing the panic that followed ploves jumped from the w three of them to their death and others were injured.

It is believed by everybody, proprietors and employes in the that about twenty girls were o before they reached the stre were burned up in the buildin ple who were familiar with th rior of the building, and kni lived were the means of placed the total loss at least t

The scene of the catastrophe the corner of Broadway and street, a portion of the city chized for its immense building structure is known as the B building, is six stories in heigh was occupied by J. Steithmei whose factory was situated fifth floor; Van Zandt & Jacob facturers of collars and cuffs, cupled the three floors below restaurant and saloon on the floor. There were also severa minor enterprises carried on building.

The fire which ended so dis ly, started in the fifth story, part occupied by Steithmei. About 5:25 o'clock this afterno the boy attempted to light the what is known as the cutting ment. This is the shirt-wa